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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, this response to which is timely filed, please consider and enter the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.